

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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Identifier: HB135-DNR-DGGS-1-5-2022  
 Title: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
 Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
 Allocation: Geological & Geophysical Surveys  
 OMB Component Number: 1031

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2023 Request	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
Personal Services	125.0		125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
Travel	10.0		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Services	15.0		15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Commodities	15.0		15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	165.0		165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>165.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>							

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Updated for SLA22 form and revised personal service cost estimates
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Agency:	Office of Mangement and Budget		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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This legislation would enhance the state's ability to support exploration for and development of state geothermal resources by creating a geothermal exploration leasing program that is better aligned with the state's existing oil and gas exploration license program. The Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey's (DGGs) Energy Resources Section would resume a program to publish new and existing geologic data to advance the understanding of Alaska's geothermal energy resources.

This fiscal note is to support a Geologist 3 position in the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey's Energy Resources Section to re-start the division's geothermal program. The position will coordinate with agencies and industry to publish new geologic data to further the development of Alaska's geothermal energy resources. To accomplish this, the position will collaborate with other sections in DGGs, other divisions within the Department of Natural Resources, the University of Alaska, federal agencies, and industry on geothermal resources and projects in the state.

The Geologist 3 position would be based in Fairbanks and will require funding in the amount of \$125.0 in Personal Services, \$10.0 in Travel, \$25.0 in Services, and \$15.0 in Commodities, for a total unrestricted general fund cost of \$165.0